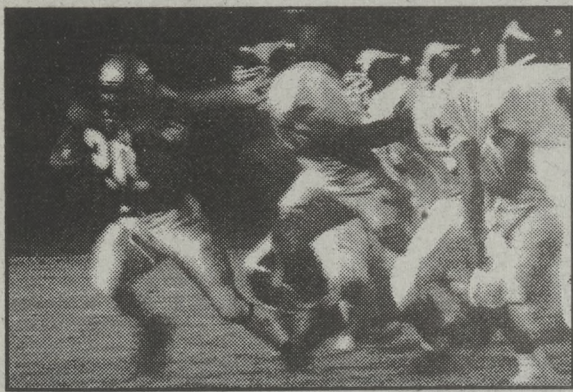
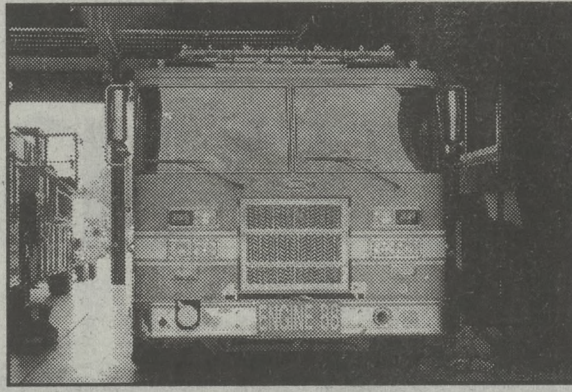


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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

Students mourn in silence

■**QUIET:** More than 100 Valley college students gathered in Monarch Square in a moment of silence

By SONIA JOSHI, SKYLAR LENOX
AND RICARDO MIRANDA
STAR REPORTERS

Dozens of students gathered around the flagpole Wednesday for a moment of silence to honor the victims of what is being called the worst terrorist attack on the United States.

"America has never seen a tragedy like this and I want to show support and pride in my country," said student Lalo Vesquez.

Tuesday, hijackers flew airliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing and injuring thousands of people. The nation and the campus watched on television as the twin towers of the World Trade Center collapsed from the impact of the planes. A third airliner crashed the side of the Pentagon and a fourth crashed in western Pennsylvania.

The Associated Student Union organized a moment of silence for the campus.

"It was shocking and surprising and I thought we should do something special on Wednesday," said Luis Trujillo, president of ASU.

Students and campus officials pinned blue and yellow ribbons on their clothes as a show of hope and patriotism.

"I was born shortly after Pearl Harbor and I didn't think anything like this would happen in my lifetime," said Yasmin Delahoussaye, vice president of student services. "I want students to know there is a tremendous need for blood and I would like to encourage students to give blood to the Red Cross."

The ASU posted flyers around campus Wednesday that displayed the shadow of the nation, the American flag and read "Show Support for Your Nation."

The campus was buzzing on Tuesday, as students monitored radios and television sets around campus.

"I believe this event will cause a war," student Omar Ortega said. "I personally don't want to imagine how the world would be if this becomes a great war."

Arwen Enholm said the attack made him question his safety and the safety of his country.



SILENCE - students and campus officials gather around the flagpole in a moment of silence Wednesday to remember the victims of the terrorists attacks on Manhattan and the Pentagon.

STAR PHOTO BY SAMANTHA KUPPIG

LA Valley College remains open after Los Angeles goes on alert after terrorist Attacks

■**RESCUE:** Elite unit headed to Manhattan to find survivors.

By OLIVER CACANANTA
STAR REPORTER

Local search and rescue crews are in New York providing aid and are trying to find survivors of the terrorists attack on the World Trade Center.

Dozens of county and city firefighters prepared their gear and gathered supplies at fire station No. 88 in Sherman Oaks Tuesday and headed for lower

Manhattan.

Los Angeles County and the city firefighters are members of the elite team that is one of 23 of its kind in the nation. The team specializes in these types of rescues.

"This is serious business," said a Los Angeles County officer, who was at the station to assist with security. "We had snipers on the roof prepared to protect these guys."

The rescue team took food, water and other supplies. Some of the rescue workers told reporters that this was the worst thing they had seen.

As a nation watched the

collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center and a nation froze, the firefighters were preparing for duty.

Local closures included LAX, downtown businesses, private and federal offices. The Arco building, Los Angeles Central Library and City Hall were evacuated. Several private schools, and stretches of area streets were closed.

Officials at Valley College said the Los Angeles Police Department did not ask the school to close.



New York Bound - Firefighters and rescue workers prepare for their trip to New York where they will provide aid to the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attack.

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Community College Cuts Challenged

■**BUDGET:** Money for maintenance and instruction cut.

By OLIVER CACANANTA
STAR REPORTER

Legislative leaders recently passed a bill that will restore the \$98 million to California Community Colleges that was slashed by Gov. Gray Davis.

Last July, in a move that shocked and dismayed officials and observers of the beleaguered community college system, Davis cut \$126 million from its funds.

Two-year schools suffered the largest cuts from the governor's budget. Most of the money, about \$98 million, was earmarked for building maintenance and purchasing instructional materials. The colleges around the state planned to use a large chunk of that money for building improvements. Los Angeles Valley College would stand to lose more than \$1 million of that total.

A concerted lobbying effort by local districts and other advocates, along with overwhelming public support, encouraged legislative leaders to sponsor SB 735, aimed at restoring \$126 million.

New Lion's Den to open soon

By SAMAH ALHUNATY
STAR REPORTER

Students can't wait to play in the Lion's Den that is soon to open in its new location that is much easier to find.

"The Lion's Den is going to be successful because of the new location and the great activities they plan to have there," said Syed Mazhar, a student at Valley College.

The facility will attract more students because its next to the cafeteria. Its old location was in the basement of the Campus Center and many students said they didn't know the den existed.

The new one has more pool tables and more games to play," said Vincent Henders.

Plans for the recreation area include multiple billiard tables, computer

Lou Albert, director of the Professional Media Resource Center at Valley College, had said last week, "I hope the bill passes."

The bill passed 77-1.

Valley College officials plan to use the money to replace the roofs at the art, cafeteria and administration buildings, repair restrooms fixtures, and upgrade two gymnasiums.

Scott Lay, Director of State Budget Issues at the Community College League of California, said recently, "the bill had gathered significant legislative support."

Because of the support, Davis offered \$40 million for selected projects and improvements, a proposal that was rejected by negotiators.

"We're trying our best to find the money for California community colleges," said a representative from Davis' office.

The bill's goal is to fully reinstate \$98 million in base funding for community colleges and has since become the most comprehensive bill of its kind in the Legislature. It was recently amended to include \$14.9 million for capital outlay projects.

games, an air-hockey game and a wide-screen television. There will also be a designated movie night.

Luis Trujillo, president of the Associated Student Union, said the purpose of the den is for clubs, groups and students to meet.

Trujillo, who also manages the facility, said students should like the plans the ASU has for the Lion's Den.

A portion of a \$200,000 school grant will help pay for the new equipment. ASU officials said they didn't know the exact cost for the new facility.

Although students have been inside the Lion's Den, it is not open. Trujillo said the ASU is planning a grand opening and will soon announce hours of operation.

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Editorial

Another Day of Infamy

When the first soldier mounted a horse and rode, with tremendous power and speed, through the battlefield, overpowering the common foot soldier, a new weapon was born into the world. This would change the face of warfare forever. Similarly, when the long-bow was invented, soldiers could attack with tremendous accuracy and from a great distance. Newer weapons were created to counter the previous advances; and so-on throughout the centuries the technology of warfare grew to gruesome heights. New weapons of might and fear are nothing new in the history of the world.

The grandfather of modern warfare was unleashed upon the world in the form of the gun. Again, a new era in the chronicles of war was begun. As recently as 140 years ago armies lined up, face to face, and fired directly at each other, within plain sight. As the twentieth century was still young, a new type of warfare became commonplace with the use of the machine gun. The Great War saw millions of people literally mowed down, with this weapon, while the foot soldier used the same outdated nineteenth century face-to-face techniques. New

methods of tactical movements needed to be created; tanks and airplanes invented for armored defense and intelligence respectively became necessary.

In the middle of the last century the newest form of weapon was invented, reflecting the modern comprehension of the most basic laws of the universe. On August 5, 1945 the first ever atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima, Japan, by United States forces, killing an unprecedented number of people in one attack. The remainder of the century saw the surfacing of two new styles of war: The first was the cold-war, where each side is afraid of total destruction, bringing conventional battles to a virtual freeze; the second, grew prominently in the so-called third-world countries, known as guerrilla warfare.

In this type of warfare, fighting is done on a small scale and usually involves covert, hidden attacks of short duration. Terrorism is an outgrowth of this type of fighting, where chiefly civilian targets are hit by usually unknown parties, without warning.

On the morning of Tuesday Sept. 11, the world witnessed the newest form of warfare per-

petrated as civilian airliners were used to attack major national institutions and kill thousands of civilians and military personnel alike. This was the worst attack on American soil by any organization in living memory. Worse, of course than even pearl Harbor, in both numbers and the fact that was an open attack by a known military power.

As this article goes to press, the true originator of these newest attacks is still unknown. Another day that will live in infamy. Unfortunately, the last one vastly unknown to this generation, so distant with the lasting effects faded. The new pall of terror which has fallen on this nation will last for a long time, but certainly it will fade.

The hearts and sympathies of the staff of the Valley Star go out to all victims and their loved ones effected by this tragedy. We also urge all citizens of this country and the world complete, to do what they can to help, to be patient in the effort to rebuild and most of all to be tolerant and not let prejudices deprive any innocent person, in any part of the world, the liberties which we hold as inalienable human rights.

Commentary

Barret Oliver

Read Our Lips

Half way around the world, while New York City burned and people died, a small number of Palestinians celebrated the potential demise of capitalism. But if one were to look closely, behind the scenes, they would find these same people drank from Pepsi cans and drove Ford vehicles; the irony couldn't be stronger. While, here in Los Angeles, the Museum of Tolerance closed its doors.

In a world grown increasingly smaller by tele-communications, mass media and entertainment, it just seems out of place. Hasn't the world matured enough? The largest fascist regime of our time was defeated in The Second War, the Iron Curtain fell, apartheid was ended in South Africa. These are landmarks in world human rights. But of course offenses still exist; slavery in the Ivory coast, racially motivated killings in the Balkans and Middle East.

In the wake of Tuesday's attacks many questions will go unanswered. There are a few things, however, of which we can be certain. Some (at this point still) unknown entity made the most violent attack on American soil in memory. Thousands of people met their gruesome death. The United States will respond with military action. The sympathy of all but a few deranged are with the victims and their loved ones.

But where was our great president in all this? A short speech

in Florida and then silence for hours. A speech from his office, later in the day, lasted less than five minutes. And he seemed entirely unaffected emotionally. Not once in his speech from the White House, did he give sympathy, condolences or grief for any victims.

The arrogance of American politicians is astounding. After first effectively isolating the United States from Russia, cutting ties with China and North Korea, our great president went on to separate us from our allies as well; pulling out of international treaties, refusing to participate in the Race Relations conference and other "holier than thou" actions. He even went so far as to deny American support of the peace process in the Middle East, until put under continued public relations pressure by those nations. Is it any coincidence that the number one suspect in many peoples eyes comes from that part of the world? What should one think when American politicians thumb their nose at everyone else and then suffer attacks?

Guerrillas attack with terrorist tactics because that is all they have. They don't own huge national armies with billions of dollars to invest in weapons development. In a bar room fight, you grab the closest thing you can get your hands on.

There are a few major lessons that must be learned from the attacks Tuesday:

First, a peaceful world is one where all countries work together to create a common good. The modern world is so small that nations cannot exist alone. Isolationism does not work anymore. America must stop putting its own interests above the rest of the world, but realize they are the same.

Second, a peaceful world cannot tolerate terrorist regimes. We cannot continue to stand by and watch military and terrorist power kill in the name of... All of the wars in world history tell us we need to act fast against a leader who harms world peace. We don't need to get involved in every civic unrest, but it's fairly obvious when action is needed.

Third, one cannot assume who perpetrated these terrible acts until all of the facts come in. In Oklahoma, we assumed the attack came from the Islamic world, only to find out it was one of "our own". A former U.S. soldier bombed his own country in retaliation against illegal government actions on civilians. Xenophobia overcame the country in the Second War; Japanese Americans were locked up in concentration camps; a fact which to this day does not get the attention it deserves. Prejudice is alive and well in this country and we cannot let it control us.

Finally, we must let the principles of freedom laid out by our forefathers, guide us through these times of difficulty.

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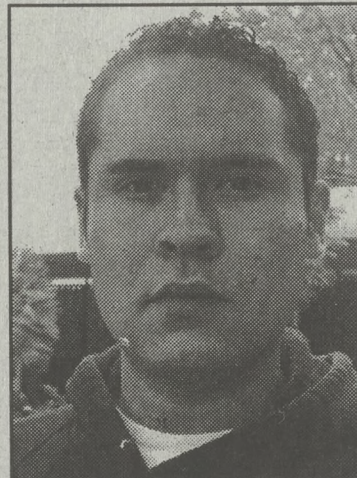
CampusView

Once the U.S. determines who is responsible for the attacks on Tuesday, how do you feel we should respond?

Marcy Petrique/Valley Star



"After all those people that died and everything that's [been] done to our landmarks, they have to get them back even if it means cold war. I don't necessarily mean violence. Just get them back. It's not cool."
Jesus Ramirez
Music Major



"I guess they should respond according to what the majority believes is right... We don't know [who did it] so how are we going to respond to the problem if we don't know who is to blame?"
Jaime Vazquez
Undeclared Major



"I believe there are a lot of countries out there that have motives against the United States, but to actually find the one's who did this crime; it's impossible. It's impossible to find them."
Silvia Vazquez
Cafeteria Assistant



"We should [respond], but I don't know which way or how because I'm not a politician. I just heard this news in my class. ... I have to go home and see it and think about it, but this is very, very bad news."
Tanya Kolomitsev
Undeclared major

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Campus Scene

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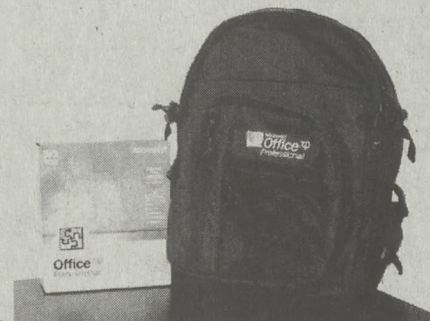
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Sports

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Mistakes Maim Monarchs

■**FOOTBALL:** Monarchs still have high hopes after tough loss.

PEDRO OLIVERA
STAR REPORTER

If the Valley College football team can stay away from small mistakes Saturday night, it should have no trouble defeating Golden West College.

The Monarchs will meet the Rustlers at Costa Mesa's LeBard Stadium (Orange Coast College) at 7. Both squads are 0-1. The last time the two teams met was in 1981 and the Rustlers came out on top, 31-7.

"I am concerned about the game this weekend," coach Ron Ponciano said. "I think Golden West is a sound football team. We have more speed, but their zone blitzes might give us some problems.

"They have good receivers and have good size on the offensive line. If we can get better tackling and cut back on the mental errors we will be fine."

Small mistakes on special teams were the story of this past weekend's game for the Monarchs. The team suffered a disappointing home loss, 40-15, to Long Beach City College.

The Monarchs started the game strong. After taking the opening kick, quarterback Zach Wasserman led the team down the field. The drive was culminated with Wasserman throwing a 9-yard touchdown pass to receiver Sanders Trent.

On the next possession, James Norris electrified the crowd with a punt return for a touchdown. The six points were erased by a penalty. Instead of the touchdown and a 14-0 lead, the Monarchs were forced to punt.

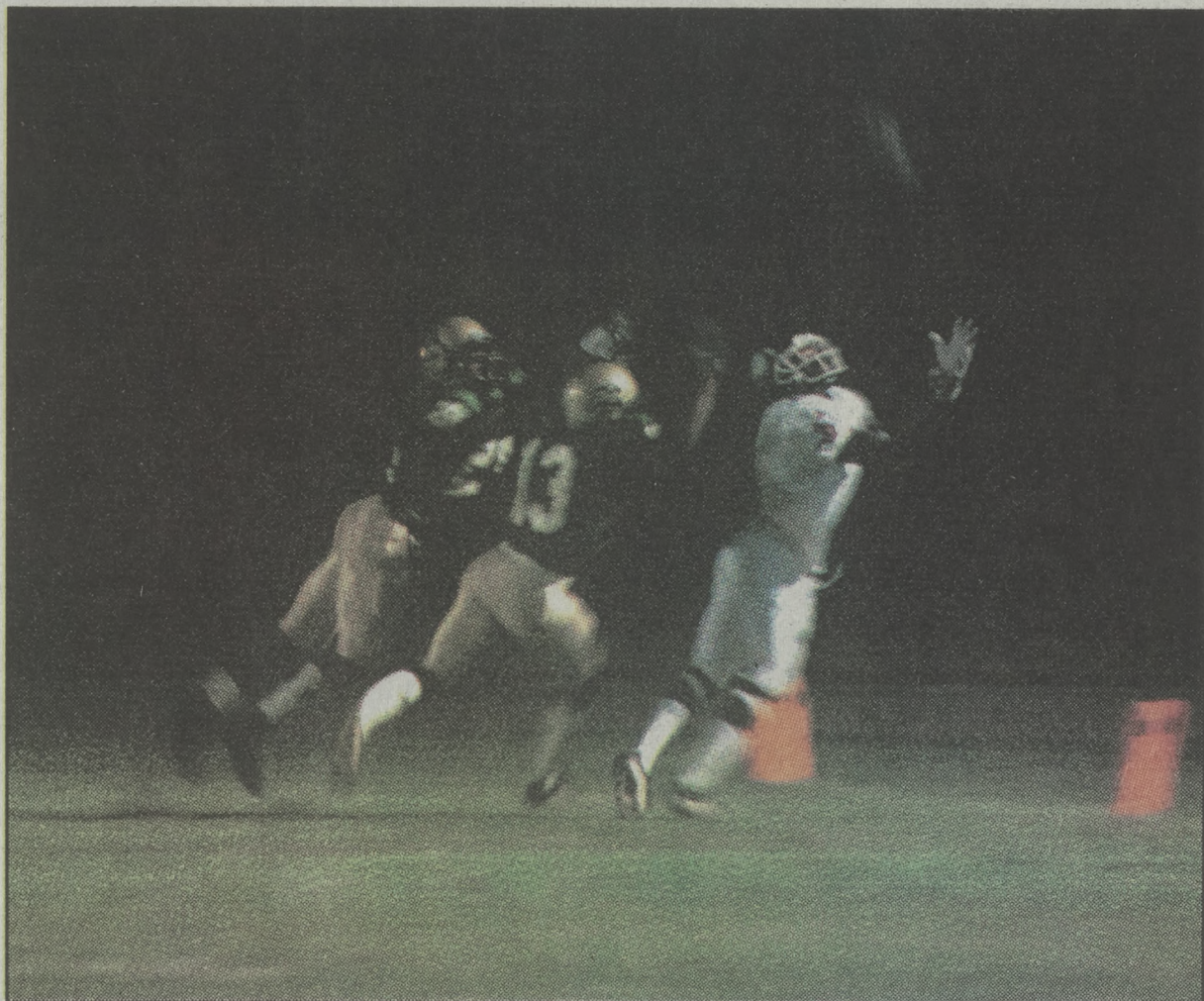
The punt was blocked due to a poor snap and the Vikings scored on a safety. A penalty against Long Beach allowed the Monarchs to punt again. Things got worse. The second punt was blocked and recovered in the end zone by the Vikings.

It was the turning point of the game, a 14-point switch that tied the score at 7.

On its next possession, Valley was forced to punt and the Monarchs suffered a third blocked punt.

The Vikings recovered the ball on the Monarchs' 23-yard line. It led to a second touchdown for the Vikings and a 14-7 lead.

Valley answered back on its next possession. Wasserman threw a



Star Photo by Salvador Aguilar

FUTILITY - A Long Beach receiver is poised to make a touchdown grab while Monarch defenders arrive too late. It was this kind of night for the Valley College Monarchs Saturday as the team was soundly defeated by Long Beach 40 - 17 at Monarch Stadium. The Monarchs will try to improve their record to 1-1 this Saturday when they travel to Bard stadium in Costa Mesa to face the Rustlers of Golden West College.

65-yard touchdown pass to James Norris. On the extra point attempt, Valley mishandled the snap, recovered it and scored on a two-point conversion. The Monarchs led 15-14.

Long Beach scored on a 1-yard touchdown run with three seconds remaining in the half to take a 20-15 lead.

The Vikings scored 20 unanswered points in the second half, including a 16-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that

seemed to suck the life out of the home team.

Despite the loss, the Monarchs have plenty of reasons to be optimistic. They have a lot of new talent this year. Ponciano, in his first year, believes the team should improve on last season's record (2-8).

Wasserman is the biggest name of the new faces. The former Westlake High star transferred from Penn State. The offense will also get a huge lift from its

two explosive receivers, Trent and Norris. They accounted for the team's two touchdowns Friday.

The defense looked strong. Mike Porter seemed to be all over the field as he finished the game with 25 tackles. If the Valley squad can limit the small mistakes on special teams, it will be a tough team to beat Saturday.

Deaths Impact Players

■**FOOTBALL:** Athletes on their own about supplements.

By Levon Davis
Staff Writer

This summer, football players across the nation traded one hard-hitting day of practice for a hard-hitting day of reality when three men died.

The Minnesota Vikings lost Corey Stringer, Florida State University lost DeVaughn Darling, and Northwestern University lost Rashidi Wheeler.

In two out of the three deaths, there had been the use of the drugs ephedrine and acetaminophen, according to published reports. The reports also said that each player suffered from asthma.

Many athletes today don't know the dangers of supplements or what "over-the-counter drugs" can do to their bodies. Some play it safe.

"I don't take anything that my body does not naturally produce, said Valley College football player Everett Fowler. "Mainly because we don't know about possible effects."

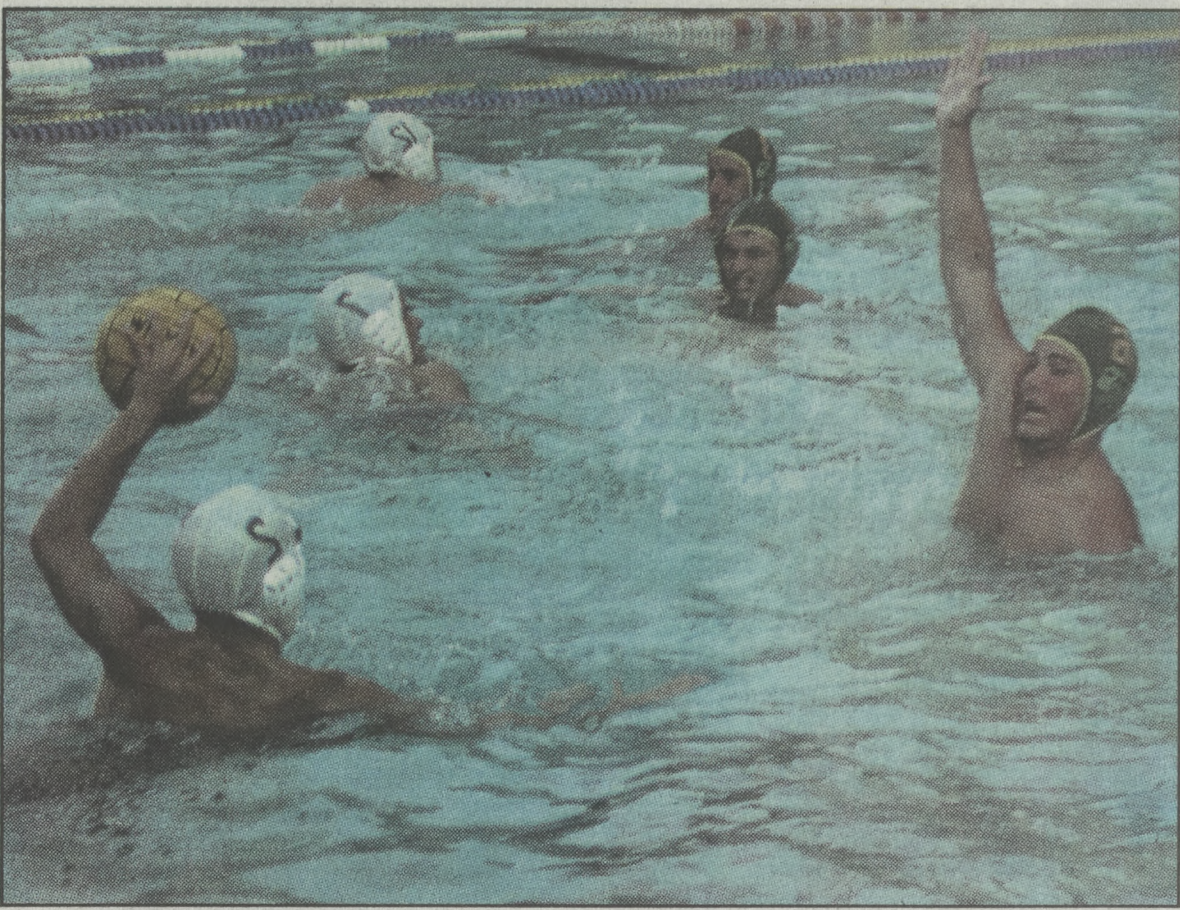
In the case of Darling, he had been taking a supplement called ephedrine, according to published reports. Medical experts say ephedrine is common drug used in weight-loss products and promotes perspiration.

"The methods of workout haven't change, but the chemicals in our supplements are rapidly changing," said Valley football coach Ron Ponciano.

Ponciano said there is no way to monitor what an athlete takes to improve performance.

"We don't have the resources to regulate their diets," Ponciano said. At the junior college level coaches and teams don't have mandatory drug test. Players are at their own to decide what's best for them.

WATER POLO



WATER WORLD The Valley College men and women's water polo teams took turns dominating El Camino College in their doubleheader Tuesday at Valley. The men's side destroyed the Warriors 23-3. The victory pushes the Monarchs' record over .500 to 3-2. Although they dominated the game from start to finish, not everyone was overjoyed. "We didn't play all that well," said Coach Gary Honjio. "This game was not an indication of how good we really are. My concern is to improve each and every day and continue to work hard. "We should finish anywhere between the middle of the pack to the top of the conference." The Lady Monarchs blanked the Warriors 21-0. The victory also puts the team's record at 3-2.

Coach Bill Krauss was pleased with the outcome. "We played great. That was good a water polo team." Krauss believes his Lady Monarchs are one of the favorites to win the Western State Conference. "The best teams in the conference are Cuesta and Citrus and I think we can play with either one of them. We are right in the thick of things." Next up for the Lady Monarchs is the Citrus Mini-Tournament which takes place Wednesday Sept. 19 at Citrus. The men have four games coming up at the Mt. Sac Tournament.

Weekly Sporting Events

Football Schedule:

Saturday Sept. 15 competing against Golden West at 7 p.m. at Orange Coast College at LeBard Stadium

Men's and Women's Cross Country Schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 15 at 8 a.m. competing in the Cuesta College Invitational in San Luis Obispo.

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